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1. SUMMARY. IN A LENGTHY SPEECH JUNE 25, POLITBUIRO MEMBER AND PARTY SECRETARY EDWARD BABIUCH ASSESSED THE PARTY'S WORK SINCE THE SIXTH CONGRESS LAST OCTOBER AND OUTLINED TASKS AHEAD IN THE "DECISIVE STAGE" REMAINING BEFORE THE SEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS. HIGHLIGHTS AS CARRIED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON JUNE 26 INCLUDED EMPHASIS ON STRENGTHENING NATIONAL UNITY, UPGRADING THE POSITION OF WORKERS IN THE PARTY, PERFECTING PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AND PARTY FUNCTIONING AT THE BASIC LEVEL, AND STRENGTHENING IDEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY. BABIUCH ALSO OUTLINED THE AGENDAS OF FUTURE PLENUMS AND DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PARTY CARDS. ADDITIONALLY, THE PLENUM HEARD A SPEECH FROM PREMIER JAROSZEWCZ

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ON SOCIAL-ECONOMIC MATTERS AND FAVORABLE ASSESSED PARTY-GOVERN-

MENT ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. WE ARE REPORTING THESE AND OTHER PLENUM ACTIVITIES SEPARATELY. END SUMMARY.

2. BABIUCH PROCLAIMED THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE TWELFTH PLENUM IN JANUARY (REF A) WERE THE "KEY" TO PARTY ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE LAST OCTOBER AND STRESSED THE BROAD CONSULTATION OF PARTY AND LABOR ACTIVISTS THAT HAD GONE INTO THE DECISION-MAKING. HE DECLARED THAT PARTY POLICY STRENGTHENS NATIONAL UNITY AND CLAIMED BROAD POPULAR BACKING FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S GOAL OF CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGH A MASS EFFORT TO ENRICH POLAND'S SOCIALIST OUTPUT.

3. BABIUCH CALLED FOR INCREASING WORKER AND PEASANT REPRESENTATION IN THE PARTY, WITH ONLY A PASSING NOD TO THE INTELLIGENTSIA. ALTHOUGH HE DECLARED THERE IS NO NEED TO INCREASE OVERALL PARTY MEMBERSHIP ABOVE THE CURRENT NUMBER, WHICH HE PUT AT OVER 2.3 MILLION, BABIUCH CALLED FOR EXPANDING WORKER REPRESENTATION BEYOND THE PRESENT LEVEL OF 40 PERCENT. AT THE SAME TIME, HE URGED STRENGTHENING OF THE ALLIANCE OF WORKERS AND INTELLIGENTSIA AND PRAISED THE LATTER'S "ENORMOUS" CONTRIBUTION.

4. THE REST OF HIS SPEECH DEALT WITH THE NEED TO IMPROVE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT WHERE HE HINTED OF IMPENDING CHANGES. HE ALSO TREATED IDEOLOGICAL-EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL IDEOLOGICAL CONFERENCES AND CITING THE NEED TO SPREAD AN AWARENESS OF THE CORRECTNESS AND THE MECHNAICS OF SOCIALIST ECONOMY.

5. OUTLINING THE PARTY AGENDA, BABIUCH ANNOUNCED THAT PROVINCIAL PLENUMS WOULD BE HELD IN LATE JULY TO ASSESS SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ADDITIONALLY, A CC PLENUM WILL CONVENE "THIS YEAR" TO ADDRESS FOOD-PRODUCTION PROBLEMS, AND ANOTHER AT THE END OF THE YEAR WILL DISCUSS THE "IDEOLOGICAL-POLITICAL STRENGTHENING OF PARTY RANKS" AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PARTY CARDS. VARIOUS PLENUMS IN 1975 WILL DISCUSS THE ECONOMY OF RAW MATERIALS, ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN, AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS. FINALLY, BABIUCH ANNOUNCED THAT IN THE FINAL QUARTER OF THIS YEAR THE ELECTORAL-REPORTING CAMPAIGN WOULD BEGIN IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESS.

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6. BABIUCH ALLUDED TO THE PLENUM THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DISCUSSED SCIENCE LAST APRIL (REF B), INDICATING THAT FURTHER PREPARATION IS REQUIRED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE PLENUM AT YEAR'S END MIGHT ALSO TREAT SCIENCE-RELATED TOPICS.

7. COMMENT. BABIUCH'S STRESS ON IDEOLOGY FITS A CURRENT TREND, AND HIS DISCUSSION OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF PARTY ORGANIZATION,

OPERATIONS, AND CADRE ACCORDS WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PARTY CARDS. THE GOAL OF INCREASING WORKER REPRESENTATION WITHIN AN OVERALL MEMBERSHIP CEILING WOULD APPEAR POSSIBLE ONLY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INTELLIGENTSIA, BUT HIS IS A HACKNEYED AIM, AND WE DOUBT THAT INTELLECTUALS IN PARTY RANKS ARE QUAKing. THE EMPHASIS ON "OPENNESS" AND "CONSULATION" IS NOT NEW, BUT BABIUCH WENT FARTHER THAN USUAL, FIRST, IN PUBLICLY EXPLAINING THE ABORTED PLENUM ON SCIENCE AND, SECOND, IN LAYING OUT THE PARTY AGENDA SO LONG IN ADVANCE.

8. BABIUCH HAS NOT HAD PRIDE OF PLACE AT ANY RECENT PLENUM. HOWEVER, HE HAS TOP RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND IS THE OBVIOUS CHOICE FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION.
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